

In response thereto, claims 73-141 are cancelled, new claims 142-231 are added and a substitute abstract is submitted. Additionally, the title has been amended to better correspond to the elected invention and the old abstract has been added to the Detailed Description.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended to counsel during their telephone interview wherein the Examiner indicated that proposed amended claims, which correspond to new claims 146 and 183, were allowable.

New independent claims 142, 143 and 144 correspond to allowable dependent claims 88, 89 and 92, respectively.

The final paragraphs (last two lines) of new independent claims 145, 182, 195, 196, 197 and 201 are not taught by Fagnant and thus these claims are allowable over the art, Applicants respectfully contend. Therefore, the claims depending from each of them are also allowable.

Independent claims 213 and 218 include the narrow liner sheet strip (see liner strip 714) and independent claims 222 and 227 include flexibility lines (see lines 460-496). These strips and lines are not taught by Fagnant.

Approval in the next action of the formal drawings filed on November 5, 1998 is respectfully requested.

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Accordingly, issuance of the Notice of Allowability at an early date is in order and is respectfully requested. If there are any remaining issues, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone counsel to seek to resolve them.

Respectfully submitted,



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